



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT STEVE W. PAYNE

Chief Master Sergeant Steve W. Payne is the Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, 134th Air Refueling Wing Tennessee Air National Guard. As the Wing Command Chief, he serves as the senior enlisted advisor to the Wing Commander on quality-of-life issues and concerns for the 1000 plus enlisted force of the 134 Air Refueling Wing. His responsibilities also include serving as the functional manager for the Wing First Sergeant program, to include the selection process and oversight of the Wing First Sergeant Council.

A native of East Tennessee, Chief Payne joined the Tennessee Air National Guard in February 1988. Chief Payne has held various positions throughout his career, to include 16 years in Security Forces, 3 years as the Security Forces First Sergeant and 3 years as the Wing Staff First Sergeant. Chief Payne's mobilizations include Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Operation Noble Eagle.



Chief Payne has been recognized for accomplishments throughout his career and his achievements include: promotion to Senior Master Sergeant through the Exceptional Performance Program, 2005; First Sergeant of the Year for the State of Tennessee, 2004; First Sergeant of the Year for the 134 Air Refueling Wing, 2004; United States Air Force First Sergeant Academy Commandants Award recipient, 2003; Senior NCO of the Quarter for the Air Refueling Wing, 2002.

Chief Payne has been employed at the Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge Tennessee, for more than 21 years and currently works in support of the Safeguards, Security & Emergency Services Division.

EDUCATION:

1988 USAF Security Forces Academy
1996 USAF NCO Academy (residence)
1996 Associates Degree, Roane State Community College, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
1997 Associates Degree, CCAF, Security Administration
1999 Bachelor's Degree Organizational Management from Tusculum College, Knoxville, Tenn.
2003 USAF First Sergeant Academy
2005 USAF Senior NCO Academy (by correspondence)
2009 Associates degree, CCAF, Human Resource Management
2011 Command Chief Orientation Course
2011 Chief's Executive Course

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 1988, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. 1989-1990, Security Forces Journeymen, 134th Security Forces Squadron, McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tenn.
3. 1991, Security Forces Fire Team Leader, Operation Desert Storm, 416th Bombardment Wing, Griffiss AFB, N.Y.
4. 1992-2000, Security Forces Squad Leader/Flight Chief, 134th Security Forces Squadron, McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tenn.
5. 2001-2002, Security Forces NCOIC Training, Operation Noble Eagle, 134th Security Forces Squadron, McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tenn.
6. 2003-2006, First Sergeant, 134th Security Forces Squadron, McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tenn.
7. 2007-2010, First Sergeant, 134th Air Refueling Wing Staff, McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tenn.
8. 2011, Chief of Security Forces, 134th Security Forces Squadron, McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tenn.
9. 2011-Present, Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, 134th Air Refueling Wing, McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tenn.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 oak leaf cluster)
Air Force Achievement Medal (with 1 oak leaf cluster)
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 4 oak leaf clusters)
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 silver, 1 oak leaf cluster)
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Service Medal (with 2 oak leaf clusters)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (silver hourglass)
USAF NCO PME Graduation Ribbon
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (with 1 device)
Air Force Training Ribbon
Tennessee National Guard Individual Achievement Ribbon
Tennessee National Guard Professional Development Ribbon
Tennessee National Guard War Service Ribbon
Tennessee National Guard Service Ribbon
Tennessee National Guard Volunteer Ribbon
Tennessee National Guard Distinguished Unit Commendation
Tennessee National Guard Volunteer Recruiting and Retention Unit Citation

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Tennessee
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States
Air Force Sergeants Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Airman February 18, 1988
Airman First Class September 25, 1988
Senior Airman March 25, 1989
Sergeant January 5, 1991
Staff Sergeant March 1, 1993
Technical Sergeant November 1, 1995
Master Sergeant November 1, 1997
Senior Master Sergeant December 1, 2006
Chief Master Sergeant March 21, 2011

(Current as of January 2012)